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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

JAMES JOHNSON, R.P.

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RI 16574

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon the receipt of information that James Johnson had made four (4) medication prescription dispensing errors in approximately two and a half years.

On December 13, 1995, James Johnson appeared before the Board of Pharmacy with counsel and testified under oath in response to questions from the Board members. Respondent stated that in two of the incidents he had failed to perform a final check on the pharmacy technician's work. In two other instances, respondent entered incorrect information into the computer, and in one instance, respondent exchanged labels when filling two different prescriptions for two members of the same family.

Mr. Johnson has been in the employ of Rite-Aid since 1984. He testified that an average workday may be as long as twelve (12) hours and in that period of time he may fill as many as 250 prescriptions. Presently, as R.P. in charge, he has instituted what he believes to be a more rigorous system of in-process and final checks and has

represented to the Board that each of these checks is now performed by the pharmacist.

Respondent, desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and the Board having determined that none of the errors resulted in any serious bodily harm to the patients, and the Board having found respondent competent to continue in the practice of pharmacy, and it therefore appearing that due cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

IT IS ON THIS 21st DAY OF February 1997.

ORDERED AND AGREED:

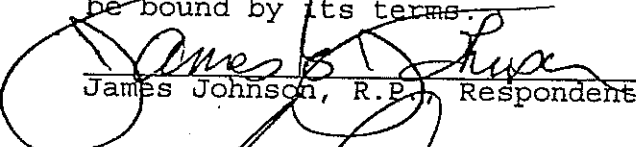
1. That respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for one (1) month; all of said suspension is stayed.

2. That respondent shall pay to the Board of Pharmacy a civil penalty of \$2,500 and investigative costs of \$1,500 within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order.

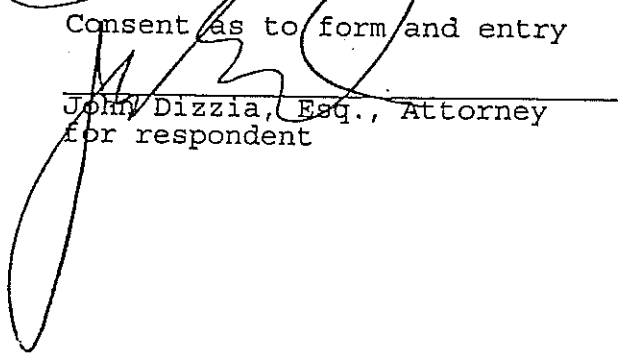
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By 
Sophie Heymann, President

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I consent to its entry by the Board of Pharmacy and agree to be bound by its terms.


James Johnson, R.P., Respondent

Consent as to form and entry


John Dizzia, Esq., Attorney
for respondent